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MEMORIAL DAY TO BE MADE A TRUE HOLIDAY

Charleroi to Have Celebration at Playgrounds in Evening

COL. CRAGO TO SPEAK

Eldora Park to be Scene of Observance—Other Towns Arrange Programs

Memorial Day will be made a true holiday in Charleroi. At home there will be celebration with many interesting features and it will have the advantage of being held in the evening after the hottest part of the day. At Eldora park there will be a celebration during the afternoon and evening that has been arranged with a considerable degree of elaborateness. Nearly all the business houses will be closed all day.

Events in Charleroi will start at 6:30 in the evening with a parade. The parade will start from the corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue and will be continued to the playgrounds. Capt. John K. Hein will be the marshal and the members of the Veteran's Guard of Charleroi, members of the school board, members of the borough council, and citizens will ride in automobiles.

One of the unusual features of this parade will be that of the marching of children. This feature, which proved an innovation in the Memorial Day parade of last year, will be continued this year.

The parade will terminate at the playgrounds, where the celebration will be continued. Col. Thomas S. Crago of Waynesburg, who is an ex-congressman as well as a veteran of the Spanish-American war will be the chief speaker of the evening. The chairman of the evening will be Dr. F. C. Stahlman, who is the chairman of the general committee arranging the celebration. In addition to Col Crago there will be other speakers. Jacob Wise a veteran of the Civil war will speak. Prof. T. L. Pollock, superintendent of the public schools will read Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg address. A chorus of children under direction of Prof. I. T. Daniel will sing various patriotic songs. In the event of bad weather the evening meeting will be held at the high school auditorium.

At Eldora park the features will be music and dancing afternoon and evening, a fireworks display in the evening, and an address in the afternoon by William Francis Barnard, a speaker of considerable note. The evening fireworks' display will be elaborate. It will be set off by an expert sent here by the American Italian Fireworks company of Dunbar.

Other towns in the Monongahela valley will celebrate. At Fayette City Congressman Wooda M. Carr will be the chief speaker. California, Belle Vernon and Monongahela will celebrate. Monongahela's observance of Memorial Day will take an unusual form. It will be noiseless, and will consist in the dedication of the Memorial hospital.

Berrymans Store will be closed all day Saturday, May 30th, Decoration Day. Open Friday evening. 267-td

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Madam Clifford at the Palace Theatre tonight. 271-t1

Robbery at Fayette City

Jewelry Store Window Broken And Valuables in Sum of $150 Are Stolen

Smashng a large plate glass show window in the jewelry store of B. H. Potthoff at Fayette City, early Thursday morning a lone burglar took from the window about $150 worth of watches and jewelry. It is supposed that he was either frightened away or cut so badly that he left hurriedly. He missed several hundred dollars worth of watches and jewelry in the window. A trail of blood led to the outskirts of the city, where it was lost owing to the rains of the early morning. There is no clew to the burglars.

WREATH WRITES LETTER

Erstwhile President of Charleroi Pawva Club Explains

SAYS GOODBYE TO GAME

Paul B. Wreath, erstwhile baseball president of the Charleroi Pawva league team in a letter written to the Mail from Philadelphia gives some explanation as the reasons for his hurried getaway from Charleroi. The first part of his letter cannot well be printed because in it are implied some direct charges. The letter will be kept on file by the Mail. The printable part of it is as follows:

"I am not a coward, but I do fear an attack in the dark, and this fear was a large factor in my abrupt departure from your city. I believe the discharging of Manager O'Day for intemperate habits was a large factor in Mr. Mackinnon, of McKeesport disbanding his club. I told Mackinnon full particulars last Saturday and he predicted that my receipts on Decoration Day would be attached by O'Day, and that meant his share of one-half would be tied up in a law suit. I believe this belief and the fact that his expenses were heavy induced him to throw up the sponge.

"A baseball failure is no different from any other business failure, but I regret exceedingly that I was unable to make good and give those loyal fans who donated $10 a piece more chance to use the season tickets they received from the club, but misfortunes seemed to follow me and my two months of hard work was all in vain. I tried my best to

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800 PERSONS LOST IN STEAMER DISASTER OFF GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

(Special to The Mail.)

Philadelphia, May 29.—Eight hundred people, including many noted Americans and noted persons from other countries are believed to have gone down with the Canadian-Pacific steamer "Empress of Ireland," which sank off the Gulf of St. Lawrence following a collision.

Twelve hundred persons were on board the steamer, but late dispatches give credence to the belief that at least 400 have been saved.

Fog is supposed to have been the cause of this, the worst ocean disaster since the Titanic affair over two years ago.

Boats have been put out from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and other points to extend aid to any who may yet be afloat on pieces of wreckage. Meagre details are to be had.

VALLEY LEAGUE IS PROJECT PROPOSED

Several Towns Becoming Interested in Formation of New Baseball Circuit—Meeting Called to be Held in Charleroi

With the Pennsylvania West Virginia league a back number so far as Monongahela valley towns are concerned a movement is being launched for the organization of a Monongahela, Monessen, Fayette City, California, Roscoe, New Eagle and Finleyville. Practically all of these towns have promised to send representatives to the first meeting which will be held on Sunday afternoon at the pool room of H. L. Swickey on McKean avenue, Charleroi. From the endorsement given the project success is looked for. Charleroi fans are more or less enthusiastic, their brief experience with league baseball this year having whetted their appetite for more.

The plan calls for the playing of two games a week, one a twilight game midweek and the other a Saturday afternoon game. The league will be a professional organization, hence it will not be a money making institution. It will rather be established with the idea in mind of providing sport.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES WILL JOIN IN UNION

Young people's societies affiliated with Charleroi Protestant churches will hold a union meeting at the high school building on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, preceeding the baccalaureate sermon, which will be preached by Rev. C. P. Bastian at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Leaders for the union meeting will be appointed and a program carried out. The union meeting will be similar to others which have been held in the past at various churches.

TWO STORES ARE CHANGING McKEAN AVENUE LOCATIONS

The stores of Kirk and Clark and S. L. Woodward are being moved on McKean avenue. Kirk and Clark move to the Woodward building at 421 McKean avenue, and Mr. Woodward moves to the Kirk and Clark building which he has purchased. During the last few days sales have been under way at both stores. It is the intention of Kirk and Clark to conduct their dry goods store upon the same up-to-date lines they have in the past. Mr. Woodward will conduct his furniture business on an enlarged scale.

NO ISSUE OF THE MAIL ON SATURDAY

Following the usual custom for the observance of Memorial day, there will be no issue of the Mail on Saturday, May 30.

O. E. MIKESELL GIVES TESTING DEMONSTRATION

The ninth annual conference of sealers of weights and measures of the United States which has been in session in Washington D. C., since Tuesday, May 26 will close with a banquet this evening.

O. Evans Mikesell, sealer of weights and measures of Washington county gave a demonstration of testing of various types of scales at the session this morning. Mr. Mikesell is a member of the executive committee of the bureau of standards.

Addresses were made during the ference by the following men: Hon. William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Dr. S. W. Stratton, director of bureau of standards; L. A. Fisher, chief of division of weights and measures, bureau of standards; Dr. Carl I. Alesberg, chief of bureau of chemistry; Fred R. Drake, national wholesale grocers' association; F. P. Downing, chief inspector of weights and measures state of Wisconsin; H. W. Neale, commissioner of weights and measures in Minesota, gave a demonstration showing the necessity of maintaining scale levers level and the lever connections plumb.

Return From Fishing Trip.

Rev. C. P. Bastian, Dr. Edwin McKay and Constable Frank W. Jones have returned from a trout fishing expedition to the Indian creek region back of Connellsville. They each secured a nice mess of fish.

Vaudeville at the Palace tonight. t1

CHURCH SUPPERS POOR WAY TO HELP A CHURCH

Services to Be Unionized

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night to Mean Giving up of Regular Program

There will be no service in the majority of the churches here Sunday evening, owing to the fact that several of the ministers will take part in the baccalaureate exercises at the high school auditorium. Rev. C. P. Bastin, pastor of Christ Lutheran church will preach the sermon. He has selected as his subject, "The Secret of Life's Success." Prof. I. T. Daniel, supervisor of music in the schools, will direct the music.

PROGRAM AT PARK ARRANGED

Memorial Day Celebration to be Elaborate Event

MANY AFFAIRS BOOKED

With a start having been made on the school picnics which are annually among the most enjoyable features of the picnic season, much interest centers in the events of Memorial day as well as in the events of next week at Eldora park.

Thursday was the day for the picnic of the Donora schools at Eldora park. Today is the last day of school at that place. Thursday's celebration was made a distinct feature.

Today is the day set apart for the Monongahela school picnic, and the Monongahela school children are at the park strong. The same system that has been in vogue for some years of giving free tickets to children for amusements, as well as providing free transportation, is this year being lived up to as strictly as ever by the park people. Claude Towner is the sponser for the Monongahela picnic.

Tomorrow's events were programmed earlier in the week. However, they include dancing afternoon and evening, with a fireworks display at a convenient location at the park as an evening feature. The fireworks display will be set off by an expert sent here by the American Italian Fireworks company of Dunbar, from which company the display was purchased. Then too tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be speaking by William Francis Barnard a lecturer of note.

The program for the coming week includes the regular Monday dance, given by Mrs. J. Jenkins, of Monongahela, the regular Tuesday dance by James McLaughlin, the picnic of the Charleroi schools on Thursday and a

Noted Speakers at Methodist Conference Deplore Tendencies.

TAG DAYS ARE HIT

Not Necessary to Church—Bishop Cranston and Dr. Fort Make Addresses

Church efficiency was the general theme of the discussions by Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D. of Washington, D. C., and Dr. John Lowe Fort, D. D., field agent of the layman's missionary movement at the sub-district conference held at the local Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon and evening. That in the successful financing of a church such matters as church suppers and tag days are matters having a bad influence and should be avoided was reiterated in their talks.

Bishop Cranston and Dr. Fort spoke both afternoon and evening. Bishop Cranston is the senior active bishop of the Methodist church in America and his talk was somewhat along general lines. In the afternoon he discussed matters pertaining to the American University, which was dedicated in Washington, D. C. this week after 21 years of effort on the part of Methodists. Bishop Cranston presided at this function, and President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State W. J. Bryan were among the speakers. He told the value of the institution and spoke of the plans and the outlook.

At night Bishop Cranston spoke on the subject "The Commissioners of Evangelism Finance."

Dr. Fort in his afternoon address took up the subject of "The Financial Problems in the Church." He deplured the prevalance of church suppers and church tag days, and said church should never be beggars. He stated that those who don't pay in the church only saddle the burden on those who do, and as a remedy suggested a through education of the members in financial matters and then a personal canvass by members of the official board.

In the evening "Personal Evangelism" was the theme of Dr. Fort's address, who continued under this head his discussion of the afternoon. At the various sessions of the day, Dr. J. H. Miller, district superintendent, presided.

Rev. Burson To Speak

Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, will go to Jefferson tomorrow, where he will make the chief address at the Memorial Day celebration tomorrow afternoon. Elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration. The program of the day includes an automobile parade in the afternoon.

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The Charleroi school picnic on dance by J. A. Weber of Finleyville on Friday night.

Thursday will be the big event of the week. Free transportation to the park will be furnished for the school children as well as free tickets for amusements.

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MEMORIAL DAY.

"Tramp, tramp ,tramp, the boys are marching," but it is the quiet march of peace. which leads on into the shadows, from which many footfalls fail to echo. The Grand Army of the Republic is now but a "thin blue line," and their younger brothers. the United Spanish war veterans already have many gaps in their ranks. says the Scranton Times in an excellent Memorial Day editorial.

With each passing year the meaning of Memorial day sinks into our consciousness with deeper impress. and the fields of fluttering flags, gleaming in the bright sunlight of spring, remind us that the past still has a claim upon our attention and our affection.

In the fairest portion of the year, the nation will pause to render homage to its defenders and saviors. In the earlier years we were wont to leave the tribute of flowers and music and oratory to the men who "came back," but time has not only thinned their numbers, but many who remain go forth with faltering steps and saddened hearts, as they note the many new graves which claim their garlands and their tears.

It is time, therefore, for us to give less heed to the things which have been so at variance with the spirit of the day, and to unite with the veterans in their tender tributes. To those men we owe the blessings of a united country, with a foundation which should and we believe will, make it the best upon earth.

Events of the past year have served to obliterate many old animosities and prejudices, and to unite the men who faced each other in the civil war in a bond of friendship which challenges the admiration of the world. In the same spirit which they have manifested and which was exemplified by their sons during the war with Spain, let us cast our flowers, with song and eulogy, alike upon the graves of all the nation's soldiers, not forgetting to strew a generous share of the fragrant blossoms of love and respect and reverence in the pathway of those who remain.

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Proclamations when issued by public officials as a rule do not amount to much, yet it is a fact that many people act as requested and if for no other good they often cause people to talk and in that way the matter touched upon in the proclamation does accomplish some good, remarks the McKeesport News. In a number of cities the head of the health bureau or the mayor has issued proclamations asking the people to join in the movement to swat the fly and as a result millions of the pests are being killed.

All over the country there is developing a greater enmity for the housfly. In some places they are having "Swat the Fly Days" and the municipalities are providing swatters. Out in Kansas City Dr. McLaughlin, the health commissioner of the city says some harsh things about the fly that we believe are worth printing as the fly in one city is as big a pest as in another. He says:

"Don't let this escape you. The s that all the deadly serpents of India. the pestilence for evil as this typhoid fly. Remember death follows in its wake. The unavailing grief. tears. anguish and imperishable feeling of something gone out of your life forever, ought. in all kindness. make you feel personally responsible in eradicating this menace. The thousands of swatters: the cleanup campaign: the efforts of the health department. cannot succeed without your personal aid. Do the sure, practical thing. Kill off the fly."

Instead of having one day as "Swat [illegible] Day," let us make every day one to help rid the community of this menace.

Painting Church.

During this week painters have been at work renovating the exterior of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church.

Home From South.

Walter Rockwell of North Charleroi. who conducted a carnival for some time has returned home from the south where he traveled during the winter. He will be employed by R. S. Coyle this summer at Shady Grove par knear Uniontown.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Realizing the danger, the first troupe of flies has not appeared to play its first engagement.

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What is the use of being a mediator if you can't have a good time.

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Some people's hair is like George Washington—it can't lie.

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Big Noise Arrives.

Teddy's back—
We all know that!
We also know
He brought his hat!
—Sharon Telegraph.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

He was poorly clad and dirty—a tramp in appearance— and his companion was of the same stamp. His companion was reading a piece of newspaper and now and then leaned forward to comment on the news, relates an exchange.

"What do you think of this? Feller drowned in a beer vat in Milwaukee yesterday."

The other rolled his eyes and said: "Oh, death, where is thy sting?"

A henpecked man was set to work by his wife to do a bit of repair work to the porch doors. While hubby was so engaged the wife would from time to time go out to see what progress he was making, according to an exchange.

"Is there anything you need?" asked she, on the second trip. The man on the ladder gulped once or twice, but made no reply. Again the wife put the question and again a gulp was the only answer.

"Why don't you answer me?" she demanded ominously.

The unhappy man turned most apologetically and said: "But, sweetheart, my mouth is full of screws. I couldn't answer until I swallowed some."

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WREATH WRITES LETTER

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get another town to play out McKeesport's schedule. If Monongahela had come in all would have been well, and I would have stuck in spite of the threats made to 'trim me,' but failing in this there was nothing else to do but quit.

"At the league meeting in Uniontown they voted to withdraw my franchise unless I could get another town to pair with. as I had the smallest city. I believe the thinking fans of Charleroi will appreciate the predicament I was placed in and will judge me as they would hope to be judged under the same conditions. I can honestly say I did not make a dollar in the venture. I still had over $400 to collect on advertising and season tickets, and which I did not try to collect as soon as I saw the possibility of failure.

"I wish to thank those fans who tendered their support to me. A business that makes enemies of friends is a poor business to follow, therefore in future baseball and I are strangers.

P. B. Wreath."

Old Weir Utilized.

An ancient stone weir on the rive. Dee, constructed by Hugh Lupus, earl of Chesteh, between 1070 and 1101 is being utilized to supply the city of Chester with electricity, relates London Answers. The weir was originally erected to drive cornmills, and the milling industry continued up to 1908. In 1910, however, Chester corporation, who had purchased the property, dismantled the mills. Mr. S. E. Britton, the city electrical engineer, then devised a scheme for converting the water power into electrical energy, and it is believed that the annual saving thus effected will repay the capital expenditure in five years. It is estimated that the installation will yield 1,250,000 units per annum at a cost of less than 0.3d per unit, inclusive of capital charges.

Centenary of Famous Botanist.

Albert Kellogg, celebrated as a botanist, was born in New Hartford, Conn., one hundred years ago. In early life he moved to Kentucky and received his education at Transylvania university. In the early forties he traveled extensively in the far west and made the earliest scientific description of the big trees of California. He explored the republic of Texas with the famous naturalist, J. J. Audubon, at the time of its annexation to the United States, and later made botanical explorations along the western coast of America from Cape Horn to Alaska. During the latter years of his life Mr. Kellogg made his home in California. He was the founder of the California Academy of Sciences. His death occurred at Alameda, March 31, 1887.

Trappers Making Money.

Twenty thousand moles in Essex, England, have been killed in the last three years, by John Merchant and his son, Harry, with an ingenious new trap. During the trapping season which has just begun they hope as the result of increased contracts with farmers and landowners nearly to double this figure. Their agreements extend over five years. payments being at the rate of 2d and acre for the first year and 1½d an acre for the subsequent years. Up to this season they had had about 10,000 acres to work. Now they are making arrangements to double their hunting ground.. Moleskins sell at about $10 a hundred.

Old-Fashioned Storm.

What's become of the old-fashioned, harmless storm that merely cleared the atmosphere.

BEATEN AT HIS OWN GAME

Bushman's Clever Strategy Saved Him From Becoming a Meal for Prowling Lion.

The little Bushman of South Africa is not only small in size, but to the European he appears feeble in mind. Yet there is the story of an encounter between a Bushman and a lion which, according to a correspondent of Harper's Weekly, shows a man cool in danger and fertile in resource.

The Bushman, who was a long way from home, met a lion. The animal, sure that he had his victim completely in his power, began to sport with him with a feline playfulness that the little Bushman failed to appreciate. The lion would appear at a point in the road, and leap back again into the jungle, to reappear a little farther on.

The Bushman did not lose his presence of mind, and presently hit upon a way to outwit his foe. Aware that the beast was ahead of him, the Bushman dodged into the jungle to the right, and quietly awaited the next move. When the lion discovered that the man had suddenly disappeared from the path, he was perplexed. He roared. Then he espied the Bushman peering at him over the grass.

The Bushman at once changed his position, while the lion stood irresolute in the path, following with his eye the moving black man. The little man rustled the reeds, vanished, and appeared at another point.

The great brute was first confused, and then alarmed. It began to dawn on him that he was the hunted party. The Bushman did not let the lion collect his startled wits. He began to steal gradually toward the foe, who now, in a complete state of doubt and fear, turned tail, and ran ignominiously from the field.

VERY MUCH WRONG NUMBER

Experience Probably Taught Testy Old Gentleman to Be More Careful Whom He Rang Up.

A gentleman was staying in an English provincial town, when he heard that Mr. Moneyboy, his partner in business, was at another town close by, so he rang up his hotel on the telephone

"Is Mr. Moneyboy there?" he inquired.

"No, he is not," came the response.

"Well, has he engaged rooms?"

"No. We don't reserve rooms here; first come, first served is our rule," came the sharp and somewhat airy reply.

He was rather taken back at the lofty independence they seemed to revel in in that town.

"Can you tell me," he asked, "if he will stay with you when he reaches the town?"

"It's possible he may. But we can't say."

"Look here," roared the irate gentleman, "you're the most impudent jack-in-office that ever spoilt his master's business. Go away and tell some one who knows more about the business of the hotel to come and speak to me."

There was a chuckle at the other end of the wire

"This isn't a hotel; it's the town jail," said the voice

The confused gentleman rang off sharp.

Fur Sales in Siberia.

The number of furs sold at the fur sale held at Yakutsk the latter part of July, 1913, was as follows: White polar fox, 20,000 skins; red fox, 1,000 skins; gray fox, 100 skins; ermine, 10,000 skins; squirrel, 70,000 skins; black bear, 100 skins; mammoth bones, 46,946 pounds. The white fox skins sold at 28 to 31.50 rubles ($14.42 to $16.22) each; red fox, up to 17 rubles ($8.75); gray fox, 25 rubles ($12.88); ermine, 2.70 rubles ($1.39), squirrel, 54 kopecks (28 cents); and mammoth bones at 53 rubles per pood, ($27.30 per 36,112 pounds). The price for white fox was a record, as this fur has never sold at such high prices, and during the winter of 1912-13 the price was only 15 to 16 rubles ($7.73 to $8.24 each Yakutsk is a town of 7,000 inhabitants on the Lena river in Siberia, and is the chief commercial emporium of east Siberia.

Horses Made to Observe Fasts.

His highness the maharaja of Benares, it is stated, has put a stop to many absurd customs which affected the health and even lives of animals in his highness' stables and dairies. The horses, for instance, were allowed only half rations on Thursdays and Mondays, and half of the savings thus accrued was given over to the master of the horses and the other half credited to the treasury.

On Shivaratri day these poor animals had to keep fast, and similarly in Muharram they had to forego their rations in order to show respect to the memory of the martyr of Karbela. These dumb animals were forced to observe these rituals in order to furnish a luxurious repast to their grooms and masters.

Maces Have Divers Uses.

London's mace, which is emblematic of the authority of the lord mayor's coach today, is merely ornamental, but some city maces are useful as well as symbolic. At Carnarvon, for instance, the top of the mace unscrews and forms a loving cup, which, filled with wine, goes the round of the table when the toast of "Prosperity to the Borough" is drunk.

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AMONG THE THEATRES

LYRIC—CHARLEROI

Moving pictures of Charleroi were shown at the Lyric theatre again this week. The pictures which were shown in two reels included scenes of the public schools, local business houses and employes of Macbeth-Evans glass plant. "Lord Algy," a two part picture with the noted actor Arthur Johnson was one of the leading features of the week. The story dealt with a young English nobleman who came to America to seek a fortune, and the trials he met when he received word that his uncle had died leaving him penniless. The weekly program was made up of many good features among the best being "Brutes Force" a dramatic production. Manager Pennman has arranged for a weekly picture by the Hearst's News Pictorial which shows current events of Ame...

...CE—CHARLEROI

One of the most noted mind and character readers appeared at the Palace theatre the last part of this week. This was Madam Clifford who was on the vaudeville program. Madam Clifford reads every facial expression as easily as the average person reads a line of type. She has a wonderful control over her own mind. While in Charleroi Madam Clifford is answering questions on present day topics both political and social. In addition to this mistress of mystic phenomena two other exceptionally good vaudeville acts of the regular singing, dancing and comedy talk and special motion pictures were also on the program. On Friday afternoon Madam Clifford gave a matinee for ladies only.

COYLE—CHARLEROI

The program at the Coyle theatre this week was of a varied nature without any special attractions. One of the best pictures was, "The Secret of the Well." The picture which was a three-reel production was made in France and India and the beautiful natural scenery of the two picturesque countries added greatly to the impressiveness of the play. The story dealt with two brothers who quarrelled over the right to keep a wealthy and aged uncle who was coming to visit them. Shortly after the uncle arrived in France he was found in a well where he had been concealed after being murdered. The brothers were accused. Then was taken up the capturing of the real criminal. On Saturday "Lucille Love," the fourth installment of a serial picture will be shown.

ALVIN—PITTSBURG.

The fifth week of the Aborn English Grand Opera Company's remarkable run at the Alvin Theatre, Pittsburg, starting next Monday night, June 1, will bring the first offering from the pen of Giacomo Puccini to the Aborn repertory. "Madam Butterfly" being scheduled for the usual eight performances, including Wednesday and Saturday matinees, and two special matinees Thursday and Friday of Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel."

"Madam Butterfly," one of his latest works, produced for the first time in 190... is generally considered his ...ece up to this date, and is ...cularly popular in this country, where it has the distinction of being the only grand opera that has been presented successfully on tour as a single offering, without any accompanying repertory, all over the United States. The familiarity of Americans with the original story of "Madam Butterfly," by John Luther Long, and the drama of the same name by David Belasco, probably had something to do with its instantaneous success.

Humperdinck's charming fairy opera, "Hansel and Gretel," with its quaint and entertaining libretto, founded upon the familiar legend of "The Babes in the Wood," and its many simple and charming folk songs, has a particular attraction for young people, and for this reason its first curtain will rise at 3 p. m., an hour later than the usual matinee time on Thursday and Friday.

The casts for the week will include Aida Hemi, Phoebe Crosby, Zoe Fulton, Helena Alberts, Henry Taylor, Giuseppe Agostini, Fred Chapman, Bernard Cantor, Gilbert Wilson, Louise Haussmann, Mary Carson and others.

Notice

Sealed bids will be received by John M. Hill, secretary, school district of the Borough of Charleroi until Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914 at 6 o'clock, p. m. for the furnishing of 20,000 bushels, more or less of Good Clean Run of Mine Coal, to be delivered to the several different school buildings.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

John M. Hill, Sec.

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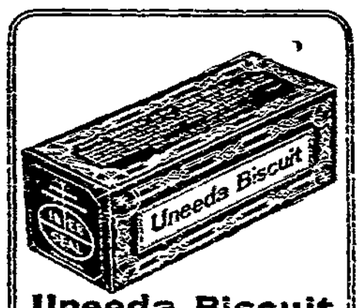

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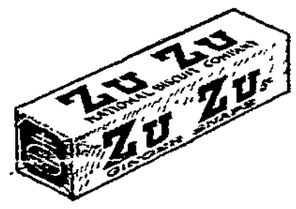

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ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Five Feet of First Street Between Railroad Alley and McKean Avenue in the Borough of Charleroi.

WHEREAS, the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Charleroi, Washington county, Pennsylvania, deem it necessary to vacate a portion of First Street between Railroad Alley and McKean Avenue in said Borough as hereinafter described now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Burgess and Town Council of said Borough of Charleroi, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

Section 1.

That all that portion of First Street in the aforesaid Borough of Charleroi, beginning at the North east corner of McKean Avenue and First Street; thence South 37 degrees 18 minutes East Five (5) feet to a point; thence at right angles thereto North 52 degrees 42 minutes East, One Hundred (100) feet to Railroad Alley; thence along the same North 37 degrees 18 minutes West, Five (5) feet to the corner of said First Street; thence South 52 degrees 42 minutes West, One Hundred (100) feet to McKean Avenue at the place of beginning, be and the same hereby is vacated and closed, and the title thereto shall vest in the owners of the premises abutting thereon in the manner provided by law.

Section 2.

The Borough Engineer is hereby directed to note and enter the vacation of said portion of said First Street on the general plan of streets and alleys of said Borough.

Section 3.

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an ordinance this .... day of ..... 1914.

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President of Council.

Attest:

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Clerk.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this .... day of ....., 1914.

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Chief Burgess.

Attest:

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Clerk.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that any and all objections to the proposition for the vacation of a part of First Street as provided in the foregoing ordinance, and to the Ordinance, may be made at a hearing therefor of the Borough Council of the Borough of Charleroi to be held in the Borough Building of said Borough at 8:00 o'clock, P. M., on the 2nd day of June, 1914.

Ira L. Nickeson, Borough Clerk.

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WORDS THAT REALLY SPEAK

Many Expressions in the Language That Seem to Convey Instantaneous Meaning.

Bang—"a sudden noise like that from a gun" is the definition given by the dictionary. But the explanation is bogging and futile, for a "bang" is—well, what better describes it than the simple word itself?

So many of our most expressive words seem similarly to have sprung from a desire to form with the lips a sound mimicking the thing described. Why waste words on a definition of the word "splash," for example? You hear all the abrupt, restless heaving of the waters in that one word.

And does even a baby need to be told what "buzz" means when a blue bottle is leading a forlorn hope against the pantry window?

"Tinkle," "whistle," "whine," "gurgle," "cackle," "icy"—these are only a few of our other eloquently descriptive words.

It is also extremely interesting to note the sharp distinction drawn between the words of opposite meaning so as to emphasize their difference in sound—thus, "brisk, lazy" (or "sluggish"); "hot, icy;" "down, up;" "jolly, miserable," and so on.

EXERCISE IN THE FRESH AIR

No Doctor's Prescription So Valuable as This Simple and Pleasant Occupation.

When health is the great desideratum one should not hesitate to make almost any sacrifice to obtain it. This was well illustrated by the man who recently double-crossed the continent in 322 days. At the time of his leaving on this journey afoot he was threatened with consumption. He realized that fresh air, exercise and sunshine formed the perfect trinity that spells health. He started on that long tramp expecting health as the result. Did he get it? Sure. One gets what he expects—not merely what he hopes for; not merely what he desires, but he must expect to get that for which he hopes and desires; then lay hold of the means, as did this man, whereby the object may be obtained and then retained. He is, as the result of his effort, in the "pink of condition." He weighed 104 pounds at the start, 140 pounds at the finish—and placed a good round thousand to his credit. Best of all, he walked away from disease. Go, thou, and do likewise.

Women Multiply Their Trouble.

The popularity of bridge has swept all records so far this season. Any prominent society dame gets an average of, say, one invitation per afternoon. This she could manage beautifully were the invitations for successive dates. But suppose they bunch themselves so that she gets a half dozen for the same afternoon? Society, through necessity, has evolved a noval plan to meet this. It is the substitute. By the operation of this plan, the much-rushed society woman is enabled to enjoy her afternoon of bridge at the house she chooses, secure in the knowledge that she is being represented by her proxies in five other homes. Bridge for bridge's sake has resulted, for the invasion of the proxy has done away with the social aspect to a marked degree. But the proxy player has come to stay, as she is a necessity in the strenuous life of the social swim.

Tragedy in Women's Hats.

There is a tragedy in every woman's hat. It seems almost as cruel to pay girls who make the dainty flowers in France a pittance as to kill the birds of brilliant plumage in Brazil. Thirty cents a day, 20 and 15, with an occasional 75 for rare skill in making roses, deducting for loss of time and slack work, tells the story of wretchedness and woe. Summed up the average is not far from $60 a year on which to support existence. American lovers of French millinery will be amazed at the wages paid young women in France gifted with deft fingers and rare taste, especially when they take the prices charged for Parisian hats into consideration.

Sickness Caused by Wireless.

Wireless operators, particularly on shipboard, are subject to an anemic condition that manifests itself in pallor, loss of appetite and headaches. Blood tests show a diminished number of red corpuscles.

It has been customary to charge this to the poor quarters many of the wireless operators occupy. But it now seems that the presence of too much ozone in the confined air and the presence of electric currents of high frequency exercise a bad effect that as yet is poorly defined.

The same condition has been observed among the electricians at great power stations like that at Niagara.

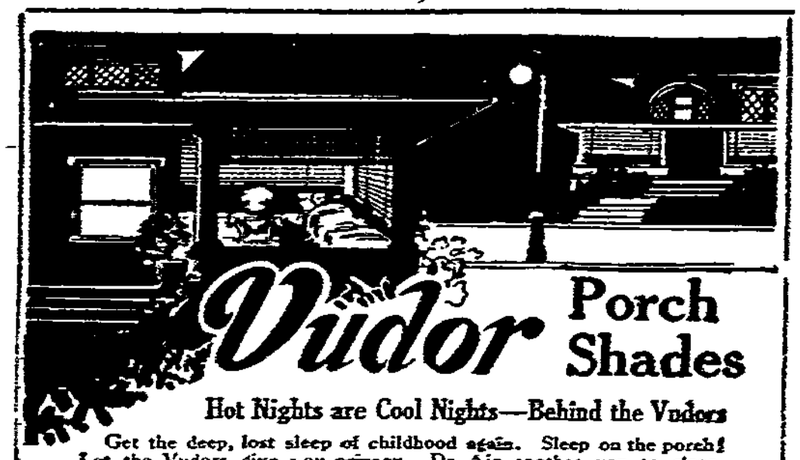
He Wanted Better Odds.

The first time Bill, the farm hand, ever complained of feeling sick his boss sent him to town with the address of a doctor he knew. Bill came back next day and reported:

"Well, I took my medicine, but not from that doctor you sent me to—no, sirree!"

"Why not? Couldn't you find him?"

"Oh, I found his place, all right, with his name on a brass plate on the door. But underneath the name it said '10 to 1.' I wa'n't goin' to take no such risks as that. There was another doctor next door, and his sign read '8 to 5.' The odds was so much better that I went to him."



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Notice.

The North Charleroi School Board will meet June 2nd. 1914. at 7:30 p. m. to elect 1 principal, 6 grade teachers, 1 janitor and will receive bids for furnishing 2000 bushels of coal, more or less.

S. W. Sharpneck, Secy.
Lock No. 4, Pa.

M—19-21-23-26-29

READ THE MAIL

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Final Authority." Jr. C. E. at 2:00. Topic, "The Good that Comes From Pledge Keeping." Leader, Miss Audrey Eneix. A union Senior C. E. under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Epworth League will be held in the evening. No evening preaching on account of the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Bastian in the high school auditorium. John R. Burson, pastor.

Episcopal.

Rev. C. J. DeCoux, vicar of the Pittsburg diocese will conduct Sunday morning services at St. Mary's Episcopal church at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11 o'clock with sermon by the pastor. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30. Union service in the evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor.

Christ Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 o'clock. A Whitsuntide sermon will be preached. Union service in the evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Rev. C. P. Bastian pastor.

Baptist.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11, with sermon by the pastor. No evening services because of the high school baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium. Rev. W. G. Carl, pastor.

Methodist.

Corner of Sixth street and Lincoln avenue. Church and Sunday school at 10:45. Subject of sermon, "The Birthday of the Church." Boys and Girls meeting at 2:30. No evening service on account of the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium. A memorial service will be held in the Eldora Mission at Eldora on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. An address will be made by Rev. F.A. Richards of Charleroi. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to everybody. F. A. Richards, pastor.

Christian.

Fallowfield avenue near Sixth street. Sunday school at 9:45. Lord's supper and preaching at 11. Subject "Our Salvation." There will be no evening service on account of the union service at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. All are welcome to our downtown church. This is the peoples' church. Come. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

Ebenezer.

Rev. W. S. Cummings will preach a Memorial Day sermon at the Ebenezer church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Jay Russell Hormell has accepted a position as engineer for the Lilley Coal and Coke company at West Brownsville. Mr. Hormell was employed until last November by the Carnegie Coal company as an engineer resigning that month.

Mrs. William Bethune of Verona has been visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hall, on Prospect avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harris of Fourth street.

Mrs. F. A. Richards who has been ill is improving in health.

T. D. Williamson and daughter Miss Hazel went to Washington Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bateman are visiting friends and relatives at West Middlesex.

Mrs. Jolliffe of Bellevue is visiting at the home of Mrs. George Woodhall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Paxton of Harrisburg are visiting at the home of their daughter Mrs. William Atkins of Washington avenue.

SUFFERS INJURIES IN BICYCLE MISHAP

Norman Irose, the nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Irose of 526 Fallowfield avenue has a very black right eye as the result of getting in the way of a bicycle Wednesday evening. He was struck under the right eye by the handle bar. The lad went home and without saying anything to his parents went to bed. His mother going up to his room later discovered that he had his eye tied up with a leaf on it. His father got a leach and drew out some of the blood.

Enjoying Country Breezes.

Editor E. C. Niver of the Mail, who recently went to Brickwayville writes that he is enjoying the sunshine and breezes at that point. Where he is stopping is a beautiful place. he writes, with apple trees and other fruit trees in blossom.

Entertain Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. James entertained Bishop Cranston of Washington, D. C., during his visit here Thursday to attend thesub-district convention of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Progress on Grounds.

Contractor John Hallam is making good progress on the grading, curbing and paving on Lincoln avenue from Second to Fifth street.

Euchre Is Held.

A successful euchre was held Thursday night at St. Jerome's Lyceum, in observance of ladies' night.

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OPEN WINDOWS IN SCHOOLS

Fresh Air in Study Rooms Beneficial to Health and Happiness of Children.

A medical inspector of the Philadelphia public schools, with the co-operation of teachers and parents, made an experiment to determine the value of cold fresh air in school rooms. He opened the windows at top and bottom and kept them open throughout the winter.

The room was shut off from the heating plant of the building, except on the occasional days when the temperature fell below 45 degrees; but the children, of course, wore extra wraps and had frequent drill exercise.

Week by week during the fall and winter and spring this physician weighed and examined the pupils, watched their study and their play, and compared their progress in health and scholarship with that of pupils in another room of the same building.

In that other room the pupils were of the same grade and of about the same number, but the room was heated and ventilated according to the usual methods. The pupils in both rooms were normal, healthy children from the same kind of homes, so that the test was as fair, accurate and searching as possible.

At the end the inspector found that the pupils in the open-window room had gained in weight on an average more than twice as much as those in the warm-air room. The pupils in the open room kept wholly free from colds, and were much more regular in attendance than the others.

They were also more alert, free from day-dreaming, quicker to learn, needed less review work and were better behaved.

In health, happiness, in body, the children of the room with open windows had a clear advantage over the others.

ONLY ONE NOVEL IN VACATION

Scott's Idea of Rest Was to Produce "Guy Mannering" in Six Weeks.

Scott had some strange ways of seeking relaxation from the strain of work. On Christmas day, 1814, he wrote Constable that he was "setting out for Abbotsford to refresh the machine." During the year he had written his first great novel, "Waverly;" one of his longer poems, "The Lord of the Isles;" nearly the whole of his "Life of Swift;" two essays for an encyclopedia; a two-volume family memoir for a friend; and kept up a voluminous personal correspondence—an amount of industry which is best described by Dominie Sampson's word, prodigious. Surely the "machine" needed "refreshing," and it consisted in producing, in six weeks' time, another great novel, "Guy Mannering." In the same way, while dictating "Ivanhoe," in spite of severe bodily pain which prevented the use of his pen, he sought refreshment by starting another novel, "The Monastery."

"It was a relief," he said, "to interlay the scenery most familiar to me with the strange world for which I had to draw so much on imagination." —From Charles S. Olcott's "The Country of Sir Walter Scott."

For a Lost Mustache.

It should be a jury of dandies and not a white-bearded judge of the peace who shall decided in a singular suit for damages brought against the Chinese legation at Paris by a French valet de chambre. About six months after having terminated his military service, Mr. X was engaged by the Chinese legation as a valet de chambre at a salary of 70 francs a month. According to custom, upon entering on his duties, it was required that he should have his mustache removed This was a sad sacrifice, for the mustache was a superb blond. At the end of eight days of service the valet was discharged. Today he demands of the legation one hundred francs damages because of his esthetic prejudice evoked by the loss of the mustache. Are the Chinese who have suppressed the queue at home to be permitted to suppress the mustache in France?

Slips of the Tongue.

Most amusing are the slips of tongue which so often lead to embarrassing situations.

At an evening party a lady said to her partner, "Can you tell me who is that exceedingly plain young man opposite?"

"That is my brother," was the reply.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," she said in great confusion. "I did not notice the resemblance."

At a certain concert a lady asked a gentleman how he liked the duet she had just sung. "You sang charmingly," was the reply; "but why did you select such a horrid piece of music?"

"Sir, that was written by my late husband," was the indignant reply.

"Ah, yes, I did not mean—but why did you select such an ass to sing with you?"

"Oh, you brute!" screamed the lady. "That is my present husband."

Charity.

Charity begins at home, and often ends there. It is usually divided into two kinds, namely, public and private. Public charity consists of a salaried office force and a subscription list. Private charity is what we give when we don't know what to do with the surplus.

There is also a species of charity known as genuine. Inasmuch, however, as it is never advertised in the newspapers, scarcely anything is known about it.—Life.

NEED WEDDING DOWRY

EUROPEAN YOUTHS NOT SEEKING PORTIONLESS GIRLS.

Necessity for Certain "Dot" Is an Accompaniment of Marriage Ceremony, and Its Absence Means a Life of Celibacy.

A well known woman artist in Copenhagen evolved a shrewd idea for the foundation of an insurance company for the exclusive benefit of women, writes M. Winifred Jones in the London Express. A reasonable premium was to be paid to insure against the possibility of finding no husband. Ladies who marry before forty lose all the money they have paid, which goes to the benefit of those who reach the age limit unmarried and who receive an income for the rest of their lives.

In France, to which we look as the home of the dowry, we have it on the authority of M. Brieux, "La Femme Seule," that "there are about 2,000,000 single women in France today," and that many of these do not marry, —*because they have no "dot."* The daughter of workingmen who are too well educated to marry a workman and the workman does not want to marry them, because the girls are too poor."

At the same time the system of the "dot" obtains in France where the "parents put by a certain sum every week" for a girl's dowry when she grows up. The fate of the dowerless girl in France is much worse, from the matrimonial point of view, than that of her similarly undowered sister in England, where marriages would indeed be few and far between in any class were a dowry an indispensable adjunct to "tying the knot."

In Germany there is the Stift (charitable institution), described by Mrs. Alfred Sidwick. "There are Stifts from which a woman may absent herself for the greater part o. the year, and yet draw an income from its funds and have a room or rooms appointed to her use; there are others where residence is compulsory. Some are open only to descendants of the founders; some will sell vacancies.

"A woman may have to wait year after year for a chance of getting in, or she may belong to one that will admit her at a certain age. . . . Some are just sets of rooms with certain privileges of light and firing attached. . . . But you cannot be much among the Germans without seeing women who have been educated, endowed, helped in distress or supported in old age by one of these organizations.

"In Greece it is considered wrong for brothers to marry until their sisters have been wed. Again girls must marry in order of seniority. It would not be right for a girl to be married while she had an elder sister who remained single. The men of a family are thus naturally anxious to see their sisters settled, and as a dowry is indispensable, its provision is often a matter of serious anxiety and the fruit of great self-denial on the part of the brothers if the parents are dead.

"There are cases in which brothers have remained unmarried and devoted all their hard earned savings to the dowries of their sisters. Among the poorer classes emigration is resorted to, not infrequently solely with this object, and many a dowry comes to a Greek maiden from across the Atlantic

"The average young woman living in luxury in her father's house," says a famous novelist, "is between the devil and the deep sea," on account of the English system of—in the case—piling the money on the eldest son.

There is a happy medium, and though it takes a good deal to remove hidebound prejudice and custom, once the Englishman is convinced of the justice of a plea, he is rarely deaf to it, and "money is a greater necessity to the woman than to the man, because any man who is a real man can work, but many a woman brought up in sheltered idleness can't work; that is, can't work to gain an income and independence, and so, sooner or later, without money or without courage, she sinks submerged."

Cause of Malaria.

The discovery that malaria is not due to miasma or to poisonous air of any sort, but is transmitted from one person to another by a mosquito of the Anopheles variety, was made by Maj. Ronald Ross, a surgeon of the British army, formerly in the India service and now connected with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He had been a careful student of the problem for several years when in a series of experiments in 1898 he succeeded in infecting birds with malaria from the bites of mosquitoes. Later in the same year and in 1899 three Italian physicians, A. Bignami, G. Bastianelli and B. Grassi, applying the methods of Ross, succeeded in infecting human beings. Major Ross and the same physicians had proved, in previous experiments, that men could not be infected with malaria with air or water brought from malarious localities.—Joseph Buckin Bishop in Scribner's Magazine.

What Kills Them.

Mr. Bacon—It is said that American railroads kill an average of 32 persons daily.

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